

State of California
Department of Parks and Recreation

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: State Clearinghouse
Office of Planning and Research
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FROM: Department of Parks and Recreation
Central Valley District
22708 Broadway Street
Columbia, CA 95310

PROJECT TITLE: Columbia Gazette Building Exterior Rehabilitation

LOCATION: Columbia State Historic Park COUNTY: Tuolumne

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT: The purpose of this project is to repair/ replace damaged exterior components on the Gazette building located in Columbia State Historic Park to help prevent further damage from occurring, preserve the historic structure and return it to its former use as a living history exhibit. Work will:

For the exterior siding:

- Replace as needed any damaged exterior board-and-batten cedar siding with like materials;
- Use soda ash mix to dye/stain boards to match existing boards, and
- Replace any damaged insulation with like insulation.

To repair/rehabilitate seven (7) historic windows:

- Remove the windows and use like material to repair or replace wood components as needed;
- Replace broken glass panes with restoration glass;
- Glaze windowpanes with Dap '33' glazing compound;
- Seal window frames exterior with Forti-Flash;
- Repaint window frames with existing color match; and
- Reinstall windows.

To Rehabilitate front & rear doors and replace front door threshold:

- Use in-kind materials where wood components need replacing; and
- Repaint doors with existing paint color.

To improve water drainage on west side of building:

- Excavate a 12-in. deep x 3-ft. wide trench on the west side of the building;
- Ensure an adequate slope to drain water towards the back of the building;
- Replace soil with 2" drainage rock; and
- Line the slope facing the west side of building with rock.

PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING THE PROJECT: California Department of Parks and Recreation

NAME OF DIVISION OR DISTRICT CARRYING OUT THE PROJECT: Central Valley District

EXEMPT STATUS:


Categorical Exemption Class: 1, 3, 4 & 31 Section: 15301, 15303, 15334 & 15331

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT: Project consists of the operation, maintenance, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of use beyond current levels; construction and location of limited numbers

of new, small facilities or structures; minor public or private alterations in the condition of land, water, and/or vegetation which do not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees except for forestry or agricultural resources; and consists of projects limited to maintenance, repair, stabilization, rehabilitation, restoration, preservation, conservation, or reconstruction of historical resources, in a manner consistent with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties, with Guidelines for Preserving, Rehabilitating, Restoring, and Reconstructing Historic Buildings (1995), Weeks and Grimmer.

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